

CLAIMS

1. A holding device (4) for ice-cream cones and made of paper, cardboard, plastic or of a laminate consisting of these materials, the holding device (4) including a holder part (6) with a circular opening (8) which is adapted for receiving a cornet or a cone (2) with edible ice, e.g. soft ice, **characterised in that** the holding device (4) is designed with a projecting support member (10) at a side of the opening (8), the support member (10) designed with a straight edge part (12) which is spaced apart from the opening (8) and extends perpendicularly relative to a centre axis through the support member (10) and the opening (8).

2. Holding device (14) according to claim 1, **characterised in that** it is made double in such a way that it includes two uniform sides that are continuous and bent about the straight edge part (12), i.e. the holding device (14) includes two continuous support members (20, 22) and two uniform holder parts (16, 18) with two circular openings (8) disposed opposite each other.

3. Holding device (4, 14) according to claim 1 or 2, **characterised in that** the holder part (6; 16, 18) essentially is shaped as a ring which at one side is connected with the support member (10) or the support members (20, 22).

4. Holding device (4, 14) according to claim 1 or 2 and 3, **characterised in that** the support member (10) or support members (20, 22) are designed with side edges extending with a convex curving shape from opposed ends of the straight edge part (12) towards the annular holder part (6) or holder parts (16, 18).

5. Holding device (26) according to claim 1, **characterised in that** the support member (10) is designed with a number of holes (28) which are designed for accommodating and fixing an elongated item, e.g. a disposable teaspoon of plastic which is passed through both holes (28).

6. Holding device (30) according to claim 1 and 2, **characterised in that** a double-

walled support member (10) in a front sidewall is provided with a holding flap (34) which is intended for fixing an item that preferably extends transversely of the support member (10) at both sides of the holding flap (34).

- 5 7. Holding device (36) according to claim 1, **characterised in that** the support member (10) is designed with a primary holding flap (38) which is designed with a small secondary holding flap (40), the holding flaps (38, 40) adapted for holding e.g. one or more pieces of candy or similar.
- 10 8. Holding device (42) according to claim 1, **characterised in that** a support member (44) along a straight part (46) is designed with an extension in the form of a bent wing part (48) which is designed with a central holding tongue (50) adapted to be fixed in a central holding slot (52) in the support member (44), so that an item, e.g. a piece of candy, a piece of chewing gum or a piece of chocolate, can be fixed between the support member (44) and the wing part (48).
- 15 9. A method for applying the holding device according to claim 1 - 4 in connection with a cornet or a cone (2) for edible ice, e.g. soft ice, **characterised by** following method steps:
 - 20 - a cornet or cone (2) is enveloped by a napkin (24);
 - the holder part (6, 16, 18) of a holding device (4, 14) is passed up around the napkin (24) and secures it externally of the cornet or cone (2);
 - ice-cream or soft ice is filled into the cornet or in the cone (2);
 - the filled cornet or the filled cone is preferably placed on a flat base supported by the support member (10, 20, 22) of the holding device (4, 14).
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10. Method according to claim 9, **characterised by** the following additional method steps:
 - a piece of chocolate, a piece of candy and/or a towelette is placed in the double support member (20, 22) in such a way that the item in question projects outside the sides of the support members (20, 22).
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